AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-15.   (Canceled)

16.   (Currently Amended) A method in a computing device of rendering portions of a television program that was previously recorded, the method comprising:

receiving meta data corresponding to the television program, wherein the meta data includes:

comments, and

for each comment, an identification of a portion within the television program to which the comment applies, the identification of a portion being an offset from a synchronization point after the beginning of the television program that serves as a common reference location for offsets among different versions of the television program, the synchronization point being specified by a broadcaster of the television program,

the meta data having been provided by first viewers of the television program, the meta data being organized into sets of meta data for the television program;

providing access rights of a plurality of second viewers to the sets of meta data for the television program, some of the second viewers not being the broadcaster of the television program and not entitled to access all sets of the meta data; and

providing recordings of different versions of the television program;

for each of the plurality of second viewers,

selecting a set of meta data that the second viewer is entitled to access as indicated by provided access rights;

receiving from the second viewer input search criteria relating to the television program;

searching by the computing device the selected set of meta data to identify comments of the selected set of meta data that satisfies the input search criteria;

for each identified comment, selecting the portion of ~~the~~ a recorded version of the television program to which the identified comment applies as indicated by the received meta data and the synchronization point; and

rendering to the second viewer the selected portions of the recorded version of the television program as a rendering that is separate from the renderings for other second viewers and as a rendering that includes only the selected portions

so that each second viewer can view a customized, different, and separate rendering ~~portions~~ of ~~the~~ a recorded version of the television program based on their input search criteria and the selected set of meta data provided by a first viewer of the television program that the second viewer is entitled to access.

17-75. (Canceled)

76.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage device containing computer-executable instructions for controlling a computing device to render portions of a video that was previously recorded, by a method comprising:

receiving meta data corresponding to the video, wherein the meta data includes:

comments, and

for each comment, an identification of a portion within the video to which the comment applies, the identification of a portion being an offset from a synchronization point after the beginning of the video that serves as a common reference location for offsets among different

versions of the video, the synchronization point being specified by
an author of the video,

the meta data having been provided by first viewers of the video, the meta
data being organized into sets of meta data for the video;

providing access rights of a plurality of second viewers to the sets of meta data
for the video, some of the second viewers not being an author of the video
and not entitled to access all sets of the meta data; and

providing a recording of different versions of the video;

for each of the plurality of second viewers,

selecting a set of meta data that the second viewer is entitled to access as
indicated by provided access rights;

receiving from the second viewer input search criteria relating to the video;

searching by the computing device the selected set of meta data to
identify comments of the selected set of meta data that satisfies the
input search criteria;

for each identified comment, selecting the portion of the—a recorded
version of the video to which the identified comment applies as
indicated by the received meta data; and

rendering to the second viewer the selected portions of the recorded
version of the video as a rendering that is separate from the
renderings for other second viewers.

77-78. (Canceled)

79.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the access rights
are based on subscription fees paid by the second viewers.

80.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the television
program is received separately from the meta data.

81.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein one version of the television program is an initial broadcast of the television program and another version of the television program is a recorded version of the television program.

82.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein different first viewers provide meta data based on viewing different versions of the television program.

83.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein advertisements are inserted when rendering the selected portions.

84.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage device of claim 76 wherein the access rights are based on subscription fees paid by the second viewers.

85.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage device of claim 76 wherein the video is received separately from the meta data.

86.   (Canceled)

87.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage device of claim 85 86 wherein different first viewers provide meta data based on viewing different versions of the television program.

88.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage device of claim 87 wherein advertisements are inserted when rendering the selected portions.